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material on the territorial struggles with the Indians; extracts illustrative of roads, canals, and travel. The material on internal improvements is excellent. The latter part of the volume contains material on slavery, kidnapping, the underground railroad, and the part played by Indiana and her troops in the Civil War. The editors are to be congratulated on the successful performance of their task.

T. C. P.

Joseph Ward of Dakota. By George Harrison Durand. (Boston, New York, and Chicago: The Pilgrim Press, 1913. 252 p. \$1.25)

This is the biography of one of the devoted band of missionaries *in partibus infidelium* who carried the gospel of religion and scholarship into the American frontier. Their lives, whether they were of the Roman church, the Episcopal, or the Methodist, or, as in this case, the Congregationalist, bear a strong family resemblance in the elements of enthusiasm, devotion, and piety. Joseph Ward took the first Congregational church into Dakota. At Yankton he built up a church and then a college. For the latter he sacrificed health and property, seeing always the vision of a new commonwealth and an enlarged democracy. The biography is not well put together; its writer shows no special familiarity with the environment in which Ward lived, but the spirit of the subject stands out in spite of its presentation. The book has a value for the student of religion, education, or state-making in the Missouri Valley.

F. L. P.

Collections of the Nebraska State Historical Society. Edited by Albert Watkins, historian of the society. Volume xvii. (Lincoln, Nebraska: The Nebraska State Historical Society, 1914. 382 p. \$2.50)

Of the twenty-four separate contributions to the seventeenth volume of the *Collections of the Nebraska State Historical Society*, twenty contain material which would prove useful to the writer of a general history of Nebraska, and of these twenty, six include matter of more than local interest. Of the remaining four, two are of general nature and the other two, one by John Lee Webster on the "Work of the Historical Society" and one by James E. Le Rossignol on the "Importance of the Study of Local History," urge the marking of historic sites and indicate a number of places worthy of such commemoration.

Two articles by the editor, one entitled "First Steamboat Trial Trip up the Missouri" and the other the "Oregon Recruit Expedition," give some lively pictures of traffic on the Missouri between 1820 and 1860. The material for both of these papers as well as that for three others by the editor was taken largely from government publications. They ap-